**Vocational schools in Rajasthan**

1858. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government funded vocational schools running in Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) whether these schools have been given any special grants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]. (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, no vocational schools are running in secondary education in Rajasthan,

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Ministry of Women Affairs**

1859. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of separate Ministry of women affairs in several countries;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a separate Ministry of women affairs;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Different countries have different set ups based on their individual religious practices, cultural traditions and socio-economic contexts. In some countries, women's issues are handled by an independent Ministry, while in others, they are handled by Ministries which are also responsible for children or family affairs. In India, the Department of Women and Child

Development has already been set up in 1985 as a part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development to give impetus to the holistic development of women and children.

**UN resolution for chilldren**

1859. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India played a great role in drafting an agreeable resolution in the United Nations for betterment of children;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the resolution passed in UN;

(c) whether India has also agreed to implement this resolution;

(d) how many countries have signed this resolution so far and assistance; and

(e) what assistance is provided to various countries in implementing the resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e)The UN General Assembly Special Session on Children was held in New York from 8-10 May, 2002. It was attended by a high level Indian delegation led by Ministry of Human Resource Development.The Summit adopted a Declaration which contains goals for children in the four priority areas, namely, promoting healthy lives, providing quality education, protecting against abuse, exploitation and violence and combating HIV/ AIDS. The Indian delegation played a pivotal role and helped to facilitate a consensus on the Document. The Declaration was adopted by all countries through consensus. The Document urges the developed countries to mobilize resources for meeting the target of 0.7% of their Gross National Product (GNP) for Official Development Assistance (ODA).